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LIMDIS PSYOP MESSAGE

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SUBJ: PPOG

1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP IS IN PROCESS OF BEING DISBANDED. SEVENTH FOR YEARS HAS PROVIDED VIETNAM AS WELL AS OTHER INDOCHINA COUNTRIES WITH VALUABLE SUPPORT. ITS ABOLITION COULD WELL LEAVE GVN AND US WITHOUT POTENTIAL FOR ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION EFFORT TOWARD NORTH VIETNAMESE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA AND CRIMP POSSIBLE FUTURE EFFORTS ON OUR PART.

2. GVN SHOULD AND EVENTUALLY CAN ASSUME BURDEN IN SOUTH VIETNAM OF ACTIVITY TO WHICH 7TH HAS CONTRIBUTED. AT PRESENT HOWEVER IT--AND WE REFER HERE CHIEFLY TO GPWD--IS DEFICIENT IN TWO MAJOR RESPECTS:

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A. IT LACKS SUFFICIENT MASS MEDIA PRODUCTION SKILL, PARTICULARLY PRINTING CAPABILITY.

B. IT LACKS RESEARCH, ANALYSIS CAPABILITY WITH RESPECT TO NORTH VIETNAM.

3. WE BELIEVE USE COULD BE MADE OF SOME OF RESOURCES OF 7TH PSYOPS CURRENTLY BEING DEVOTED TO INDOCHINA TO HELP RECTIFY THESE TWO DEFICIENCIES; THAT IS, TRAIN AND ASSIST GPWD MEDIA DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVIDE BASIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS CAPABILITY TO AUGMENT OUR OWN EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND ULTIMATELY ASSURE VIETNAMESE SUFFICIENCY.

4. MOST IMPORTANT WOULD BE TO OBTAIN FIVE-MAN (VIETNAMESE) UNIT WHICH COMPRISES 7TH PSYOPS VIETNAM AREA RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DESK TOGETHER WITH ITS FILES AND OTHER INFORMATION RETRIEVAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEDIA DEVELOPMENT UNIT. WE WOULD ALSO PUT TO VERY GOOD USE CERTAIN HARDWARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY 7TH PSYOPS.

5. BASED ON OUR PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL AND PENDING FURTHER

STUDY AND ANALYSIS WE ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FOLLOWING 7TH PSYOPS RESOURCES:

A. FIVE-MEMBER ELEMENT OF THE VIETNAM AREA RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DESK.

B. ONE VIETNAMESE EFFECTS ANALYST AND WRITER TRAINED IN HIGH ALTITUDE LEAFLET DISSEMINATION TECHNIQUES.

C. BACKGROUND FILES ON INDOCHINA, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE HOLDING OF SAMPLE LEAFLETS.

D. SONY ONE-INCH PORTABLE VTR SYSTEM, INCLUDING TWO RECORDERS, TWO CAMERAS, TWO PLAYBACK MONITORS.

E. RADIO TELETYPE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING RECEIVERS, CONVERTERS, AND PRINTERS.

F. TWO HONCHO OR HESS-BARKER PRESSES WITH PAPER CUTTERS, AND REQUIRED OFFSET CAMERA AND PLATE MAKING EQUIPMENT.

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G. ALL HARRIS SEABOLD SHEET-FED PRESSES AVAILABLE.

H. TWO VARITYPERS, VIETNAMESE FONT.

I. MICROFILM SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROCESSING AND DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT, CAMERAS, READER-PRINTERS, PRINTERS, AND 3M INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM.

J. REPLACEMENT PARTS AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT FOR ALL ITEMS ABOVE.

K. PAPER AND INK SUPPLIES AS AVAILABLE.

I. ASSIGNMENT OF ONE MECOM TECH REP TO INSTALL HONCHO PRESSES.

6. WE OF COURSE REALIZE THIS RAISES PROBLEMS REGARDING ADMINISTRATION, JURISDICTION, FUNDING, TITLE OF EQUIPMENT, LEGAL AUTHORIZATION, ETC. HOWEVER, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF PRESENT PLANS FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT INVOLVED WHAT WE SEEK IS IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH PPOG TO PURSUE THIS PROPOSAL VIGOROUSLY.
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